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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Commissioners

Enclosed please find over 3,100 comments from Audubon supporters in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Inquiry on the Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds, WT DKT NO 03-187, FCC 03-205. Each letter urges the FCC to act now and implement preventative measures on all existing and new communications towers to prevent the unnecessary deaths of millions upon millions of birds

Thank you for accepting these comments

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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attention Commissioners

Please consider this my comment in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Inquiry on the Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds, WT DKT NO. 03-187, FCC 03-205. I am writing to urge the FCC to act now and implement preventative measures on all existing and new communications towers to prevent the unnecessary deaths of millions upon millions of birds.

I urge the FCC to adopt the September 2000 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Guidelines for siting and construction of communication towers by the FCC. These measures, supported by the best available data, indicate that co-location, keeping towers under 200', avoiding guy wires, minimizing lighting, and using only white strobes at minimum required pulse rates would greatly reduce bird deaths – which as you must know are estimated between 5 million and 40 million each year.

I am aware that the FCC already has studies that indicate over 90% of the birds killed are neotropical migratory birds, and most migrate and are killed at night. Alarming, the birds killed include several endangered species and over 50 species on the FWS Birds of Conservation Concern List (2002), meaning special attention is needed to properly manage these species. For example, the Cerulean Warbler is on the 2002 list and a listing petition has been filed under the Endangered Species Act for this bird.

Please see that the FCC complies fully with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, NEPA, and the ESA, and adopts measures now prevent further bird deaths at communication towers.

Thank you for accepting my comment.

Sincerely,

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